



# Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell  
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## Mary Walker Elected President of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners held its annual reorganization meeting on January 12, electing Mary C. Walker as president of the Board during calendar year 2004.

"I am optimistic about the year ahead of us," said Walker. "The Board will continue to monitor the economy of the state, as well as local revenues, to ensure that Clermont County remains economically stable. I pledge to give my heart and soul to serving our citizens in the best way I can."

The Board elected Bob Proud as vice president.

"During the past year we've faced a lot of challenges, including difficult economic times," said Proud. "I want to thank my fellow commissioners and county employees for working together to make some difficult decisions."



"I'd like to thank Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Proud for their support during my first year in office," said Commissioner Croswell. "While we don't always agree on things, we can work together to solve problems, without losing focus."

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners will meet each week in 2004 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Clermont County Administration Building (third floor session room) at 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For a detailed agenda, check the Clermont County website at [www.co.clermont.oh.us](http://www.co.clermont.oh.us) or call the Board offices at (513) 732-7300.

The Board will also hold a series of town meetings across the county in 2004 beginning in March. These meetings are a good way for citizens to meet with government leaders and various agencies to learn about projects and initiatives being discussed involving their communities and the county as a whole.



### February Commissioner Sessions

Wed., Feb.4	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb.10	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb.11	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb.17	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb.18	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb.24	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb.25	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

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## Child Support Credit Card Payments via Telephone and Internet Now Available for Clermont County Child Support Cases.

By: Annette Black, CSE



Enjoy the convenience, flexibility, and rewards of credit card payments for Clermont County child support cases. In cooperation with Clermont County Child Support, the Board of Clermont County Commissioners, and Official Payments Corporation, individuals and businesses now have the opportunity to make child support payments by telephone or directly over the internet with MasterCard or Discover cards.

This service is safe, reliable, and in accordance with all state and government regulations. In order to process your payment, Official Payments Corporation, the credit card service provider, charges a convenience fee based on the amount of the transaction. This fee is not collected by Clermont County Child Support and does not replace your court ordered administrative fees.

To pay by credit card in Clermont County, you can call the toll free number **1-800-272-9829** or visit [www.ClermontSupportsKids.org](http://www.ClermontSupportsKids.org). Payments will not be accepted for child support orders outside of Clermont County.

To make telephone or internet payments, please have your social security number, child support case number, and credit card information available. In addition, for telephone payments, you must enter jurisdiction code **4529** when prompted.

The system will tell you the amount of your payment including the calculated convenience fee, obtain approval of the charge, and issue a confirmation number that will appear on your credit card statement. Printable digital receipts are available for internet payments.

## What's Happening at Clermont County Parks?

By: Keith Robinson, naturalist

### Animal Tracking

**Saturday, February 7, 11:00 am**

**Chilo Lock #34 Park Yurts**

**Wednesday, February 11, 10:00am**

**Pattison Park Lodge**

Winter is an excellent time to venture out into the woods, especially when snow blankets the forest floor. We'll search for tracks left behind by a variety of animals.



toasty fire in the wood stoves to keep you nice and warm as you're learning about the night sky. Hot chocolate will also be provided. For additional information, call the Park District at 732-2977.

### Astronomy Night

**Saturday, February 21, 7:00 pm**

**Chilo Lock #34 Park**

Join amateur astronomers George and Shelia Riley, as they bring their telescope to the park for you to use. They'll point out stars, constellations, planets, galaxies and many other astronomical wonders. Don't let the cold temperatures keep you indoors. We'll have the yurts open with a

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After Clermont County Sheriff Rodenberg's son recently returned to San Diego from an 8 month deployment with his Marine helicopter squadron in Iraq, the Sheriff took a **"Thank You and Welcome Home"**

banner to the squadron commander signed by Sheriff's Office staff members. In return, the squadron commander had his marines sign a banner bearing the helicopter squadron logo thanking the Sheriff's Office for their support. In the photo (at right) Sheriff Rodenberg appears with the banner which now hangs proudly in the Sheriff's Office main headquarters.



# Incredible Giving Spirit of Clermont County Reaps Benefits

By: Erica Boller, DJFS

The holiday season traditionally is a time when many of us choose to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate. In Clermont County, that giving spirit will be felt in the community throughout the year. There are many special people who have made a positive impact on the foster care system in Clermont County this year; this article recognizes a few of those individuals and groups.



St. Mary's Church in Bethel donated 22 tote bags. These bags are appreciated by children in foster care who have no other way to transport their personal belongings.

The Clough Pike Baptist Church sewing circle has continued a tradition they started many years ago. More than 40 handmade quilts were designed and sewn by this group to keep foster children snugly and warm over the cold winter months.

A young man called the foster care department several months ago. This Boy Scout, working toward his Eagle badge, wanted to complete a community service project. This young man used to be a foster child. His project involved a massive drive to make 40 stockings and gift bags for children in foster care during the holiday season.

A local Clermont County Girl Scout troop donated "Build a Bears" to be used as birthday gifts throughout the year for foster children. These bears were put together by these girls and each one is uniquely different. What a joy it will be for the children that receive these special gifts to hug and love.

The United Methodist Church in Bethel hosted the second annual Foster Family Holiday Party, open to all foster families throughout Clermont County. This church has opened its doors to the foster care system in Clermont County in so many ways. They provide free training rooms, they have hosted community meetings, and several church families have adopted children.

## Williamsburg Students Spread Holiday Spirit Year Round



Williamsburg students in grades six through twelve will help children in need throughout Clermont County in 2004. They recently raised \$1,000 to donate to the Clermont County Community Toy Chest's *Wishing Well* program.

The *Wishing Well* program is operated by the Clermont County Department of Job and Family

Services and is designed to purchase toys and other small items that are given to children in need for birthdays, special occasions, and when they are facing traumatic situations.

Nearly 600 Williamsburg students participated in the fund raising drive for the *Wishing Well*. The classrooms that collected the most donations were treated to ice cream and pizza parties.

*Pictured above presenting the \$1,000 check: Matt Earley, principal of Williamsburg High School and Sanna Gast, Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services.*

**Presidents' Day is the third Monday in February!** This holiday was created to celebrate the deeds of two legendary American presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.



## Clermont Library Notes

By: Tammy Craig, Clermont Library

### *Drop-In Storytimes*

Milford-Miami Twp. Branch

Wednesdays in February, 7:00 p.m.

Bring your little ones for stories, finger puppets, songs, games and crafts. Call **248-0700** for details.

### *Revising Your Novel*

Williamsburg Library

Sat., Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Romance author Jennifer Cruise will provide helpful tips to aspiring writers.

Call **724-1070** for details.